Development of Srirangapatna as Tourist Centre

383. Sri B. DODDABORE GOWDA (Srirangapatna).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken to make Srirangapatna as a tourist centre as it is containing famous sight-seeing places like Adiranganath Temple, Bird sanctuary, Daria Doulath, Gumbaz and the confluence of the river cauvery and in how many years the said work would be completed ;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that both local and foreign tourists are experiencing difficulties in the above place due to the delay in executing the said work ;

(*c*) the estimated cost of the same ;

(*d*) the steps taken in respect of the troubles experienced by the tourists for want of approach road to Bird Sanctuary ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) As the financial resources available are meagre only a few important places have been proposed for development. The other deserving tourist places will be considered for development as and when the financial position permits.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*).

(*d*) The bird sanctuary is situated on the way to Palahalli from Srirangapatna on the deviation of about 1.1 K. M. to the right. Out of this total length of road, 0.3 K. M. which is in charge of P. W. D. is metalled and maintained in good condition. The question of improving the reamaining 0.8 K. M. of road will be considered by the Forest Department.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ದೊಡ್ಡಬೋರೇಗೌಡ.--(ಅ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತಾ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲಗಳು ಅತ್ಯಲ್ಪವಾದ್ದರಿಂದ, ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳು ಯಾವುವು ಮತ್ತು ಅವುಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—During the last 3 years, the budget provision for the Tourist Department is hardly five lakhs out of which 3 lakhs have been spent for payment of salaries. The remaining amount of two lakhs is mostly used for publicity and other work.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ ದೊಡ್ಡಬೋರೇ ಗೌಡ.—ಮೈಸೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರಗಳ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಇರುವ ಶ್ರೀರಂಗಪಟ್ಟಣ ಬಹಳ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧವಾದ ಸ್ಥಳವಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾವೇರಿ ನದಿ ಹರಿಯುತ್ತದೆ, ದರಿಯಾದವಲತ್, ಗುಂಬಜ್ ಮುಂತಾದುವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಇವೆ. ಇಂತಹ ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಹಣ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೊಳಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇರುವ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಆತಂಕಗಳು ಏನು ? ಆದೇ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಹೊರಗೆ ಇರುವ ಶ್ರೀಶೈಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂರು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I am not aware how much money has been spent on Sri Sailam. Possibly from Endowment Department some amount might have been spent. But I say that so far as Budget

provision is concerned, the provision for Tourist Department is very meagre and presently Government is contemplating constituting a tourist development corporation to tap open market so far as finances are concerned.

2-00 P.M.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ದೊಡ್ಡಬೋರೇಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಶ್ರೀರಂಗಪಟ್ಟಣ ಮತ್ತು ಸೋಮನಾಥಪುರ ದೇವಾಲಯ ಇವುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಆದೇಶ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Yes. Whatever amout is provided in the budget is forthcoming during the fourth five year plan from the Government of India. So far as the Touist Department of the Goverument of Mysore is concerned, we have envisaged a number of schemes and we have made suggestions in that behalf, but it was difficult to get more plan provisions for the Tourist Department.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—As regards held our question No. 106 the hon. member is absent. It lapses. Now Question Hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Conference of School Betterment Committee in Udipi Taluk

389. Sri B. BHASKER SHETTY (Kaup).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the date on which the Fifth Conference of the School Betterment Committees, Udipi Taluk was conducted in Boarl Proudha Prathamika Shale, Kaup ;

(*b*) whether such conferences are taking place at taluk levels throughout the State ;

(*c*) the intention of summoning these conferences ; and the representatives that attend these conferences ;

(*d*) the amount of expenditure incurred in respect of the Fifth School Betterment Conference conducted at Kaup ;

(*e*) the procedure followed in collecting money for the said Conference ;

(*f*) the Chairman and the members of the receptiou committee constituted for the school betterment committee, Udipi Taluk ?